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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks, the allowance of claims 7-20 and the allowability of claims 4-6. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claim 3 has been canceled. New claims 21-23 are allowable claims 4-6 in independent form. New claims 14-25 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, and 24-25 are pending.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Swank* (5484268). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. *Swank* discloses "a housing 12 comprises a generally cylindrical tube or can 24 having a base 26 extending from one side. This base has apertures or holes 27 formed therein by means of which the housing may be secured or fixed to a stationary supporting surface." Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that said support structure mountable at least partially within the rotor hub assembly along an axis of rotation of the rotor hub assembly. *Swank* cannot meet the limitations of the amended claims as the support base 26 is fixed to a stationary supporting surface. The amended claims are properly allowable.


New claims 24-25 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

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